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GLOBAL RANKING OF INDIA IN STEEL INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of India's global ranking in steel market during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken/ proposed to push up India's ranking therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) As per International Iron and Steel Institute (IISI), India's Global ranking in terms of steel crude production has progressed steadily in the last three years and has improved on year-to-year basis from 9th rank in 2004 to 8th rank in 2005 to 7th rank in 2006.

(b) Government is not taking any direct steps to push up India's global ranking in steel production. However, keeping in view the importance of steel sector in the country Government has formulated a National Steel Policy in 2005 aiming at a production level of 110 MT per annum by the year 2019-20.

As regards the role of the Government; since steel is a de-regulated sector, government acts only as a facilitator. However, the government has taken several steps to increase the production of steel such as modernization and expansion of public sector steel plants and adoption of various policy measures such as, removal of procedural and policy bottlenecks in the availability of input raw materials, creation of infrastructure, so as to encourage creation of additional steel production capacity in the country.